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SUBJ: TROOP WITHDRAWAL: DIPLOMATIC COMPENSATORY MEASURES

REF: SEOUL 5535 AND PREVIOUS

1. AS MOFA HAD PROMISED US LAST WEEK (REFTEL) MOFA ASSISTANT MINISTER RHIE MOON-YONG JULY 7 GAVE POLCOUNS COPY OF PROPOSED JOINT GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT STATEMENT BETWEEN ROK AND U.S. RELATING TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. GROUND FORCES (TEXT FORWARDED SEPTTEL.) IN DOING SO RHIE SAID THAT MOFA HAD WORKED VERY HARD IN ORDER TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING REASONABLE THAT WOULD MEET ROKG REQUIREMENTS AND URGED THAT WE CONSIDER MOFA LANGUAGE VERY CAREFULLY.

2. RHIE REITERATED AS MOFA HAS TOLD US BEFORE THAT DESIGNATION OF SIGNATORS OF SUCH A DOCUMENT SHOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE QUITE FEASIBLE FOR THE AMBASSADOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER TO INITIAL IT IF WE COULD AGREE TO SUCH A DOCUMENT.

3. IN PRESENTING DRAFT STATEMENT, RHIE DID NOT MENTION ANY OF THE OTHER DOCUMENTS WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN SUGGESTED TO US (SEE PARA 3 REFTEL). HE DID SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT JOINT CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION AFFIRMING U.S. COMMITMENT WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE AND WOULD GO

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LONG WAY TO MEETING ROKG NEEDS FOR COMPENSATORY MEASURES. IN RESPONSE POLCOUNS QUESTION, RHIE INDICATED THAT CONGRESSIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY IS WHAT HE HAD IN MIND, NOT AN EXTENSION OF MDT.

4. IN RESPONSE ABOVE, POLCOUNS UNDERTOOK TO FORWARD PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT AND SUGGESTION FOR CONGRESSIONAL

JOINT RESOLUTION TO WASHINGTON. WITH REGARD TO LATTER,
POLCOUNS OFFERED NO OPINION BUT POINTED OUT THAT IN
FACT CONGRESS WAS BEING CLOSELY CONSULTED AND WOULD
PRESUMABLY BE TAKING ACTIONS RELATING TO COMPENSATORY MEASURES.

5. IN CLOSING, RHIE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT UNDER SECRETARY
HABIB MIGHT HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ON JOINT STATEMENT
AND SUGGESTION FOR CONGRESSIONAL JOINT RESOLUTION AND
BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS THESE POINTS WHEN VISITING SEOUL
NEXT WEEK.

6. COMMENT: MANY OF POINTS IN PROPOSED GOVERNMENT TO
GOVERNMENT STATEMENT WILL OF COURSE BE COVERED IN SCM
JOINT COMMUNIQUE. BASIC QUESTION MOFA PROPOSAL POSES
IS WHETHER AND IN WHAT FORM COMMUNIQUE MIGHT BE BLESSED AT
HIGHER GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL.
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